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Utah State Historical Society Announces History Awards

Every year, people throughout Utah give extraordinary service in preserving the state's heritage. In an annual recognition of these efforts, the Utah State Historical Society gives awards to outstanding individuals and organizations. The Society is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2005 History Awards.

Outstanding Contribution Awards:

Ken Verdoia and KUED-TV, for their enduring contribution to the public's understanding of Utah's history in producing 13 outstanding history documentaries.

Douglas McFadden, for his archaeological work advancing our understanding of the Virgin branch of the Anasazi.

Mike Johnson, the energetic and dedicated director of the Utah History Fair for the past 14 years.

Gaylon Hansen, whose donations to the Utah State Historical Society have formed the backbone of the state's mining collection.

Margie Johnson Hall, who has conscientiously processed Division of State History photographs for 25 years.

Lisa Thompson, for her influential, creative work as an educator for the Utah Heritage Foundation.

Outstanding Achievement Awards:

Wasatch Property Management (Dell Loy Hansen, president), for its excellent rehabilitation of the 1950s-era First Security Bank building on Main Street, SLC.

Big-D Construction (Jack Livingood, CEO; Kerry Arnold, senior project manager), for its excellent and "green" rehabilitation of the W.P. Fuller building on 400 South, SLC.

Rocco C. Siciliano, former assistant to President Dwight Eisenhower, for his book *Walking on Sand: The Story of an Immigrant Son and the Forgotten Art of Public Service*.

Utah Historical Quarterly publication awards:

Michael Lansing, "Race, Space, and Chinese Life in Late-Nineteenth-Century Salt Lake City" (Dale L. Morgan Award, funded by the Helen Papanikolas family).

Michael Johnson, "Rendezvous at Promontory: A New Look at the Golden Spike Ceremony" (Morris S. Rosenblatt Award, funded by the Goodman and Rosenblatt families).

John Sillito, "'Our Tone': Tony Lazzeri's Baseball Career in Salt Lake City, 1922-1925" (Nick Yengich Award, funded by a gift from the Yengich family).

other awards:

Nancy J. Taniguchi, *Castle Valley, America: Hard Land, Hard-Won Home* (Best Book Award, funded in honor of Francis Armstrong Madsen by the Madsen family).

Mary Jane Woodger, "David O. McKay's Progressive Educational Ideas and Practices, 1899-1922," in *Journal of Mormon History* (Best Article Award—not in *UHQ*, funded by Sutter Axland).

Alycia Aldrich, William P. MacKinnon Award, for professional development of a Division of State History employee (funded by William P. MacKinnon).